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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: James F. Hook  
Applicants: Oppertauser  
Serial No.: 09/938,993  
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Title: PIPE INSULATION COUPLING

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.